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August 28, 2014

Ms. Barbara Nartowt
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Millbury, MA 01527

RE: Millbury
Transmittal No.: X253206-A1
Application No.: CE-12-028
Class: SubMin
FMF No.: 133548
AIR QUALITY PLAN APPROVAL

Dear Ms. Nartowt:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (“MassDEP”), Bureau of Waste Prevention, has reviewed your request for an Administrative Amendment to the Plan Approval Transmittal No. X253206. This Application concerns the proposed alteration and operation of three nitriding furnaces at your heat treating facility located at 32 Howe Avenue in Millbury, Massachusetts (“Facility”).

This Application was submitted in accordance with 310 CMR 7.02 Plan Approval and Emission Limitations as contained in 310 CMR 7.00 “Air Pollution Control” regulations adopted by MassDEP pursuant to the authority granted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 142 A-J, Chapter 21C, Section 4 and 6, and Chapter 21E, Section 6. MassDEP’s review of your Application has been limited to air pollution control regulation compliance and does not relieve you of the obligation to comply with any other regulatory requirements.

MassDEP has determined that the Application is administratively and technically complete and that the Application is in conformance with the Air Pollution Control regulations and current air pollution control engineering practice, and hereby grants this **Plan Approval** for said Application, as submitted, subject to the conditions listed below.

Please review the entire Plan Approval, as it stipulates the conditions with which the Facility owner/operator (“Permittee”) must comply in order for the Facility to be operated in compliance with this Plan Approval.

1. DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY AND APPLICATION

A. HISTORY

United County Industries, dba County Heat Treat ("the Permittee") operates this existing Facility to heat treat metal parts. There are approximately 45 heat treating furnaces at this Facility. On October 19, 2012, MassDEP issued Plan Approval Transmittal No. X253206 for two nitriding furnaces which required add-on emission control (an enclosed flare) to control ammonia emissions. On August 18, 2014, the Permittee requested a modification to Plan Approval Transmittal No. X253206 to add a third nitriding furnace, identical to the Emission Unit #1 of the original Plan Approval, to be controlled by the same enclosed flare; with no change in the ammonia emission limits after control.

B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The three furnaces subject to this Plan Approval use ammonia to provide an ammonia blanketing atmosphere at temperatures from 900 to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit. The two previously approved furnaces are designated P4/504 and P3/503 (Emission Units ["EU"] #1 and #2, respectively) and were installed around 1970. The new third furnace to be installed will be designated P5/505 (EU #3) and will be of the same type and capacity as the existing EU #1.

The three furnaces will operate with an ammonia atmosphere inside. The ammonia partially breaks down inside the furnaces and some ammonia is emitted in the furnace exhaust gas stream. The total estimated ammonia usage in the furnaces will be a maximum of 15,751 pounds per year. Exhaust gas from the furnaces will flow to the existing enclosed flare system, approved under Transmittal No. X253206, designed to burn the residual hydrogen and ammonia with a 99% destruction efficiency.

This Amended Plan Approval Transmittal No. X253206-A1 shall supersede Plan Approval Transmittal No. X253206 in entirety, but the underlying plan application materials shall still remain valid, where not superseded by this Plan Approval.

2. EMISSION UNIT (EU) IDENTIFICATION

Each Emission Unit (EU) identified in Table 1 is subject to and regulated by this Plan Approval:

Table 1			
EU#	Description	Design Capacity	Pollution Control Device (PCD)
1	P4/504 Lindberg Electric Pit Furnace	70 cubic feet per hour ammonia gas	Enclosed Flare
2	P3/503 Lindberg Electric Pit Furnace	25 cubic feet per hour ammonia gas	Enclosed Flare
3	P5/505 Lindberg Electric Pit Furnace	70 cubic feet per hour ammonia gas	Enclosed Flare

Table 1 Key:

EU# = Emission Unit Number

PCD = Pollution Control Device

3. **APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS**

A. **OPERATIONAL, PRODUCTION and EMISSION LIMITS**

The Permittee is subject to, and shall not exceed the Operational, Production, and Emission Limits as contained in Table 2:

Table 2			
EU#	Operational / Production Limit	Air Contaminant	Emission Limit
1, 2 & 3	1. The PCD flare pilot lights shall be lit at all times NH ₃ is flowing to the furnaces.	Ammonia (NH ₃)	Less than 1 TPY after control

Table 2 Key:

EU# = Emission Unit Number

TPY = tons per consecutive 12-month period

PCD = Pollution Control Device

NH₃ = Ammonia

B. COMPLIANCE DEMONSTRATION

The Permittee is subject to, and shall comply with, the monitoring, testing, record keeping, and reporting requirements as contained in Tables 3, 4, and 5:

Table 3	
EU#	Monitoring and Testing Requirements
1, 2 & 3	1. The Permittee shall keep the ammonia flow meters and flare pilot light temperature sensors in proper operating condition at all times that the furnaces are operating.
	2. If and when MassDEP requires it, the Permittee shall conduct emission testing in accordance with USEPA Reference Test Methods and Regulation 310 CMR 7.13

Table 3 Key:

EU# = Emission Unit Number

USEPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency

Table 4	
EU#	Record Keeping Requirements
Facility-wide	1. The Permittee shall maintain adequate records on-site to demonstrate compliance with all operational, production, and emission limits contained in Table 2 above. Records shall also include the actual emissions of air contaminant(s) emitted for each calendar month and for each consecutive twelve-month period (current month plus prior eleven months). These records shall be compiled no later than the 15 th day following each month. An electronic version of the MassDEP approved record keeping form, in Microsoft Excel format, can be downloaded at http://www.mass.gov/dep/air/approvals/aqforms.htm#report .
	2. The Permittee shall maintain records of monitoring and testing as required by Table 3.
	3. The Permittee shall maintain a copy of this Plan Approval, underlying Application and the most up-to-date SOMP for the EU(s) and PCD approved herein on-site.
	4. The Permittee shall maintain a record of routine maintenance activities performed on the approved EU(s), PCD(s) and monitoring equipment. The records shall include, at a minimum, the type or a description of the maintenance performed and the date and time the work was completed.

Table 4	
EU#	Record Keeping Requirements
	5. The Permittee shall maintain a record of all malfunctions affecting air contaminant emission rates on the approved EU(s) and PCD and monitoring equipment. At a minimum, the records shall include: date and time the malfunction occurred; description of the malfunction; corrective actions taken; the date and time corrective actions were initiated and completed; and the date and time emission rates and monitoring equipment returned to compliant operation.
	6. The Permittee shall maintain records required by this Plan Approval on-site for a minimum of five (5) years.
	7. The Permittee shall make records required by this Plan Approval available to MassDEP and USEPA personnel upon request.

Table 4 Key:

EU# = Emission Unit Number

PCD = Pollution Control Device

SOMP = Standard Operating and Maintenance Procedure

USEPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency

Table 5	
EU#	Reporting Requirements
Facility-wide	1. The Permittee shall submit to MassDEP all information required by this Plan Approval over the signature of a "Responsible Official" as defined in 310 CMR 7.00 and shall include the Certification statement as provided in 310 CMR 7.01(2)(c).
	2. The Permittee shall notify the Central Regional Office of MassDEP, BWP Permit Chief by telephone: 508-767-2845, email: CERO.Air@massmail.state.ma.us or fax : 508-792-7621, as soon as possible, but no later than one (1) business day after discovery of an exceedance(s) of Table 2 requirements. A written report shall be submitted to Permit Chief at MassDEP within three (3) business days thereafter and shall include: identification of exceedance(s), duration of exceedance(s), reason for the exceedance(s), corrective actions taken, and action plan to prevent future exceedance(s).
	3. The Permittee shall provide a copy to MassDEP of any record required to be maintained by this Plan Approval within 30-days from MassDEP's request.
	4. The Permittee shall submit to MassDEP for approval a stack emission pretest protocol, at least 30 days prior to emission testing, for emission testing as defined in Table 3 Monitoring and Testing Requirements.
	5. The Permittee shall submit to MassDEP a final stack emission test results report, within 45 days after emission testing, for emission testing as defined in Table 3 Monitoring and Testing Requirements.

Table 5 Key:

EU# = Emission Unit Number

4. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Permittee is subject to, and shall comply with, the following special terms and conditions:

- A. The Permittee is subject to and shall comply with the Special Terms and Conditions as contained in Table 6:

Table 6	
EU#	Special Terms and Conditions
1, 2 & 3	1. The operation of the furnaces shall not cause odors that cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution.

Table 6 Key:

EU# = Emission Unit Number

- B. The Permittee shall install and use an exhaust stack, as required in Table 7, on each of the Emission Units that is consistent with good air pollution control engineering practice and that discharges so as to not cause or contribute to a condition of air pollution. Each exhaust stack shall be configured to discharge the gases vertically and shall not be equipped with any part or device that restricts the vertical exhaust flow of the emitted gases, including but not limited to rain protection devices known as “shanty caps” and “egg beaters.”
- C. The Permittee shall install and utilize exhaust stacks with the following parameters, as contained in Table 7, for the Emission Units that are regulated by this Plan Approval:

Table 7				
EU#	Stack Height Above Ground (feet)	Stack Inside Exit Dimensions	Stack Gas Exit Velocity Range (feet per second)	Stack Gas Exit Temperature Range (°F)
1, 2 & 3	30	0.67 feet	3-4	70-110

Table 7 Key:

EU# = Emission Unit Number

°F = Degree Fahrenheit

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Permittee is subject to, and shall comply with, the following general conditions:

- A. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.01, 7.02, 7.09 and 7.10, should any nuisance condition(s), including but not limited to smoke, dust, odor or noise, occur as the result of the operation of the Facility, then the Permittee shall immediately take appropriate steps including shutdown, if necessary, to abate said nuisance condition(s).
- B. If asbestos remediation/removal will occur as a result of the approved construction, reconstruction, or alteration of this Facility, the Permittee shall ensure that all removal/remediation of asbestos shall be done in accordance with 310 CMR 7.15 in its entirety and 310 CMR 4.00.
- C. If construction or demolition of an industrial, commercial or institutional building will occur as a result of the approved construction, reconstruction, or alteration of this Facility, the Permittee shall ensure that said construction or demolition shall be done in accordance with 310 CMR 7.09(2) and 310 CMR 4.00.
- D. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.01(2)(b) and 7.02(7)(b), the Permittee shall allow MassDEP and / or USEPA personnel access to the Facility, buildings, and all pertinent records for the purpose of making inspections and surveys, collecting samples, obtaining data, and reviewing records.
- E. This Plan Approval does not negate the responsibility of the Permittee to comply with any other applicable Federal, State, or local regulations now or in the future.
- F. Should there be any differences between the Application and this Plan Approval, the Plan Approval shall govern.
- G. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.02(3)(k), MassDEP may revoke this Plan Approval if the construction work is not commenced within two years from the date of issuance of this Plan Approval, or if the construction work is suspended for one year or more.
- H. This Plan Approval may be suspended, modified, or revoked by MassDEP if MassDEP determines that any condition or part of this Plan Approval is being violated.
- I. This Plan Approval may be modified or amended when in the opinion of MassDEP such is necessary or appropriate to clarify the Plan Approval conditions or after consideration of a written request by the Permittee to amend the Plan Approval conditions.

- J. The Permittee shall conduct emission testing, if requested by MassDEP, in accordance with USEPA Reference Test Methods and regulation 310 CMR 7.13. If required, a pretest protocol report shall be submitted to MassDEP at least 30 days prior to emission testing and the final test results report shall be submitted within 45 days after emission testing.
- K. Pursuant to 310 CMR 7.01(3) and 7.02(3)(f), the Permittee shall comply with all conditions contained in this Plan Approval. Should there be any differences between provisions contained in the General Conditions and provisions contained elsewhere in the Plan Approval, the latter shall govern.

6. MASSACHUSETTS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

MassDEP has determined that the filing of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) with the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, for air quality control purposes, was not required prior to this action by MassDEP. Notwithstanding this determination, the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and 301 CMR 11.00, Section 11.04, provide certain "Fail-Safe Provisions," which allow the Secretary to require the filing of an ENF and/or an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) at a later time.

7. APPEAL PROCESS

This Plan Approval is an action of MassDEP. If you are aggrieved by this action, you may request an adjudicatory hearing. A request for a hearing must be made in writing and postmarked within twenty-one (21) days of the date of issuance of this Plan Approval.

Under 310 CMR 1.01(6)(b), the request must state clearly and concisely the facts, which are the grounds for the request, and the relief sought. Additionally, the request must state why the Plan Approval is not consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

The hearing request along with a valid check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) must be mailed to:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 4062
Boston, MA 02211

This request will be dismissed if the filing fee is not paid, unless the appellant is exempt or granted a waiver as described below. The filing fee is not required if the appellant is a city or

town (or municipal agency), county, or district of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or a municipal housing authority.

MassDEP may waive the adjudicatory hearing-filing fee for a person who shows that paying the fee will create an undue financial hardship. A person seeking a waiver must file, together with the hearing request as provided above, an affidavit setting forth the facts believed to support the claim of undue financial hardship.

Should you have any questions concerning this Amended Plan Approval, please contact Paul Dwiggins by telephone at 508-767-2760, or in writing at the letterhead address.

This final document copy is being provided to you electronically by the Department of Environmental Protection. A signed copy of this document is on file at the DEP office listed on the letterhead.

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